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SAN QUENTIN, CALIF.--CONVICT GEORGE JACKSON WAS SHOT IN THE ANKLE BY A TOWER GUARD AS HE RAN FROM SAN QUENTIN PRISON'S ADJUSTMENT CENTER AUG. 21, THE PRISON WARDEN SAID THURSDAY.

JACKSON "STUMBELED, FELL TO ONE KNEE, AND THEN REGAINED HIS BALANCE."

A SECOND GUARD THEN SIGHTED HIM FROM A PRONE POSITION ON THE WALL AND REPORTED THAT JACKSON "APPEARED TO STUMBLE, HIT THE GROUND AND THEN START RUNNING AGAIN."

HE FIRED "SECONDS LATER" AS THE INMATE RAN IN A "CROUCHED" POSITION AND JACKSON DROPPED DEAD.

WARDEN LOUIS NELSON GAVE THAT OFFICIAL VERSION THURSDAY OF JACKSON'S DEATH DURING THE BLOODY PRISON OUTBREAK IN WHICH JACKSON, THREE GUARDS AND TWO INMATES WERE KILLED.

NELSON SAID NONE OF THE TOWER GUARDS KNEW IT WAS JACKSON, A BLACK REVOLUTIONARY AND ONE OF THE SO-CALLED "SOLEDAD BROTHERS" WHO WAS ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE. THEY WERE ONLY TOLD IT WAS "AN INMATE WITH A GUN," NELSON SAID.

THE WARDEN SAID THE FATAL SLUG TRAVELED IN AN "ALMOST HORIZONTAL" DIRECTION AND THERE WAS NO DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE PRISON VERSION AND AN AUTOPSY REPORT.

THE FINAL AUTOPSY SAID A HIGH-VELOCITY BULLET TRAVELED 217 FEET, STRUCK JACKSON IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BACK, HIT TWO RIBS AND CONTINUED THROUGH THE TOP OF HIS SKULL.

SUPPORTERS OF JACKSON CLAIM AUTHORITIES WANTED TO KILL THE CONVICT BECAUSE OF HIS REVOLUTIONARY IDEAS AND SAID HE WAS "SET UP" TO BE MURDERED.

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